

FIRE SEASON

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1 800 342 5869

Up to a \$5,000 Reward for information leading to an arrest



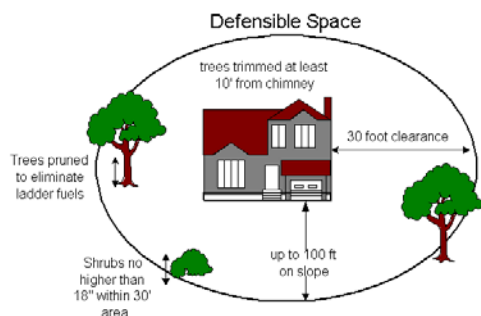
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ARE YOU FIREWISE?

A **FIREWISE** home has:

- ✓ At least 30' of defensible space around structures. This area should be kept free of leaves and debris. It should be kept well mowed and irrigated (within limits of any existing water restrictions.) If you do not have 30', clear what you can.



- ✓ Roofs and gutters that are free of leaves, pine needles, twigs and branches.

- ✓ Structures that are built with fire resistant materials for roofs, siding and decks.
- ✓ Eliminated all combustibles – wood, propane tanks, gas grills, motor homes, boats, ATV's, cars – from under or near structures.
- ✓ Trimmed all branches up to 10' and removed all vines climbing trees.
- ✓ Used gravel for mulch or kept combustible mulch products moist.
- ✓ Installed spark arresters on the chimney.
- ✓ Used **FIREWISE** plants for landscaping and kept highly flammable plants such as Palmetto away from structures.
- ✓ A driveway at least 12' wide.

WHEN FIRE THREATENS

Evacuate immediately if requested!

Follow all directions given by emergency personnel.

If time allows:

1. Close all windows and doors.
2. Close heavy drapes, Venetian blinds or hurricane shutters.
3. Remove any lightweight curtains.
4. Move flammable furniture away from windows and glass doors.
5. Back the car into the garage.
6. Disconnect the automatic garage door opener.
7. Turn off fuel supplies at the source.
8. Connect a garden hose with a nozzle to an outside tap.

FIRE FACTS

- Over the past 5 years, people have caused almost 75% of all wildland fires – either through carelessness or intentionally!
- When conditions are dry, the heat from the catalytic converter on your car can cause a fire to start if you park on the shoulder of the road!
- When burning debris, you must have authorization and meet requirements for setbacks and equipment!

- Have an evacuation plan prepared.
- Make sure everyone knows the plan.
- Have all your evacuation needs (papers, medications, etc.) together.
- Don't forget to plan for your pets.